(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Punjab National Bank have reported that there is no inordinate delay in making such payments. The Bank have further reported that their Naugaonkhal, Pauri Garhwal, U.P. Branch did not refuse to make payment to genuine persons.

(c) to (e) Recently a complaint addressed by a Member of Parliament on behalf of one person was received. This claim case has been settled on 16.3.2000 on the basis of Succession Certificate produced by the claimant.

Seizure of Heroin

3278. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether biggest seizure of heroin has been reported in December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The biggest seizure of heroin during the last two years has been reported in December, 1999.

(b) On the intervening night of 21st/22nd December, 1999 officers of Narcotics Control Bureau, Delhi Zonal Unit intercepted a truck on National Highway No. 8 near Delhi. 77 packets containing 77 kgs. of heroin were recovered from the truck. The packets bore Pakistani markings.

(c) Three Afghans, two Pakistanis and three Indians were arrested in this connection. All the arrested persons are liable to be prosecuted under the stringent provisions of NDPS Act, 1985.

Duping of Investors by M/s. Perutek Services

3279. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently M/s. Perutek Services Ltd., M-4 Chiranjiv Tower, Nehru Place, New Delhi, (a Pvt. Agro-based NBFC)